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WARNING FOR OUR CUP MEN

NATIONAL coach Joe Vlasits has named a squad of 22 men for the international series with Greece later this month—but he is biding his time on our World Cup bid in October.

He will use the games against the tourists as a final guide to his Cup line-up for the big clash in South Korea.

"I will be watching the players closely", he said, "and any man who does not give a 100 per cent effort against the Greeks can kiss good-bye to the World Cup.

"It will not make any difference if he is a regular or not — out he will go. We can't afford a half-hearted approach in the serious business of the Cup".

Vlasits gave this ultimatum to his men after naming the 22 for the Greek games, the first of which will be played in Sydney on the 19th of this month.

And, despite a lack of top talent, Vlasits means what he says. No man will get special treatment.

This means that players on the fringe of the national squad — and there are several — still have about a month to clinch a place if somebody falls down on the job. The Cup line-up will be named early next month.

Vlasits reckons the Greeks, a much-improved side, have a good chance of reaching the World Cup finals in Mexico next year. He is cautious about our chances against them.

He will drive his team to the limit and is hoping for close results. He feels this will give our team a psychological boost before the Cup battles.

Four Victorians have won places in the squad for the games with the Greeks.

They are goalie Lou Kastner (G. Cross), centre-half Billy Rice (J.U.S.T.), linkman Tommy McColl (Juventus) and striker Billy Vojtek (Croatia). Frank Micic (J.U.S.T.) will stand by as a replacement.

Other members of the line-up are:

New South Wales: R. Corry, D. Walsh, J. Fraser, M. Schaeffer, S. Ackerley, A. Marnoch, J. Watkiss, D. Zeman, J. Warren, A. Alston, J. Alagich, G. Manuel, A. Abonyi, R. Baartz. **South Australia:** B. Birch, J. Perin. **Queensland:** G. Wilkins. **Northern New South Wales:** R. Lloyd.

John Barclay, Victorian board member and Metro League chairman, will be the team manager. The medical officer will be Dr. Brian Corrigan and the masseur Lou Lazzari, of Juventus.

The second international will be in Brisbane in July 23 and the third in Melbourne on July 27.

Big boost for boys

IF the Victorian Soccer Federation gives the O.K., the annual Dunkling Shield challenge match between the High Schools and the Technical Schools could be fought out before a big crowd.

Ollie Norris, coach of the technical schools and Victoria's director of coaching, said:

"The Education Department has agreed to the game being played out of school hours, and we have applied to the V.S.F. for it to be staged as a curtain-raiser to the Victoria-Greece game at Olympic Park on August 10.

"If the V.S.F. approve the game it will be a terrific thing for these boys. They will get the real big crowd atmosphere.

"By their approval the Education Department has shown that it recognises the work the cocahes have been doing. It is a big breakthrough for the game".

Mr. Norris added that the coaches also were seeking to have the technical schools' final played as a curtain-raiser to a State League game on July 19.

The Education Department had given the go-ahead on this move, too.

HE GOT IT...

HAKOAH goalie Sandy Henderson clutches at the ball over Croatia forward Billy McIntyre. Looking on is Croatia forward Terry Hargreaves.

HAKOAH SIGNING

Hakoah have signed left-winger Mike Brkic, from J.U.S.T. He joined the Footscray side last season from a senior Jugoslavian club.

Out of squad

HELLAS half-back Johnny Bedford, a regular in the State line-up this season, has withdrawn from the squad.

Coach Zvonimir Rasic said: "Bedford has told us that, because of extra studies, he cannot continue in training".

Bedford is the fourth man to leave the squad for various reasons in recent weeks. Others to go have been former George Cross man Nick McCallum, Milan Mihajlovic (J.U.S.T.) and Jim Mackay (Croatia).

This has weakened the line-up only weeks before the big clash with the touring Greek national team and quick action is needed to boost the side.

The first step should be the recall of Mackay, a good ball player and one of the best linkmen in the business. He could be a key man against the Greeks.

Other men who should get their chance are the goal-grabbing Wim Spiekerman, of Ringwood City-Wilhelmina, and full-back Drago Utjesenovic, of J.U.S.T.

Spiekerman, who has the vital knack of being in the right spot at the right time, has been rattling on the goals with his powerful left foot. He's big and strong and would give much-needed punch up front.

Utjesenovic, a former Yugoslavian Under-23 international who joined J.U.S.T. some weeks ago, is a ready-made defender and a cut above the average. He should not be ignored.

The State men had another training session at Olympic Park last night and next week they are expected to have a practice match against a Wilhelmina side.

The original squad included: Kastner (G. Cross), Reilly (Juventus), Kelly (Hellas), Micic (J.U.S.T.), Rice (J.U.S.T.), Thomson (Wil'mina), Rooney (Lions), Smart (Lions), Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), McColl (Juventus), Vojtek (Croatia), Gorrie (Hellas), Rau (Croatia).

Coach Rasic said of the coming Greek game: "Judging from recent form in World Cup elimination games the Greek side has improved tremendously.

"It is reported to be the best line-up in the country's history, so we are going to be up against it".

Johnny out of action

FULL-BACK Johnny McDaid, a strongman in the Melbourne defence, has a leg in plaster and could be out of the game for several weeks.

He was injured in the recent game with Slavia.

The damage is a broken toe and twisted leg muscles. It is the latter which has necessitated the plaster, which is expected to stay on about a month.

McDaid's loss is a big blow to Melbourne, who are fighting to lift themselves up the league ladder.

The former George Cross man is an experienced defender and will take some replacing.

Melbourne have signed two men from Northern Ireland. Both have been cleared, but it is expected they won't be fit for a couple of weeks or so.

The pair are Barry Doyle, 22, an outside-right, and George Webb, 22, a full-back or wing-half. Doyle played with Drogheda and Webb with Transport F.C.

Melbourne officials expect to sign another Irish attacker soon. He is a right winger.

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TWO OLD PALS JOIN UP

Two half-backs who starred in the George Cross middle line some years ago were back in action together again last weekend.

The link-up followed the transfer of Tommy McPherson from J.U.S.T. to the Box Hill club, who already have the other member of the "old firm" playing with them.

He is John Brown, now a key player with the Hillmen, and the man who played alongside McPherson when the George Cross side was among the best in Victoria.

McPherson, who recently returned from a trip to his native Scotland, joined Box Hill last week. He only just beat the transfer deadline of 12 midnight on June 30.

McPherson joined J.U.S.T. last season when that club was fighting to stave off relegation from the State League.

Box Hill have three other new men in their ranks. They are goalie Ray Johnson, signed from division two Moreland, striker Jackie McNamara, who was with them a couple of seasons back, and wing half Jimmy McCracken, from England.

When he played with the club before, McNamara, 21, was a top scorer with the reserves and also figured in the first team. He later left to live in the Mooroolbark area.

McCracken, 25, has been out of the game for about four years, but had experience as a junior with Wolves in England.

He came to Box Hill "out of the blue", turning up at the ground one night and asking for a game.

Box Hill, despite their desperate position at the foot of the League table, are not downhearted.

President Haydn Sidebottom said this week: "McPherson should give our side a good boost and with a little bit of luck, which has been missing so far, we think we can beat the drop.

"Morale is still high and we will give it a go. It won't be necessary to urge on the boys. They're all determined to pull it off."

WE MAY SEE THE DYNAMOS

The Victorian game may get a boost from a visit by a top Russian side early next year.

Moves are afoot to bring the Moscow Dynamo team, a crack outfit, to Australia for a short tour.

The negotiations have been kept secret but it is understood that Dynamo have put out feelers through an agent in Australia.

This man is expected to have talks with officials in various States and, if agreement is reached on cash, the tour should be on.

Victorian fans will know what to expect from the Russians if things work out.

They will remember the visit of Moscow Torpedo, another top Russian team, some years ago. On that occasion most of the Australian sides took a soccer lesson.

They Dynamo team first hit the headlines in world soccer when they toured England in 1945 — and upset the form book.

Given no chance by the English experts, the Russians showed that they knew plenty about the art of soccer and pulled off some shock wins to puncture Britain's soccer ego.

Hat-tricks

IT was hat-trick day in State League soccer last Saturday, with three men taking the honors.

They were Wim Spieker-man and Brian Edgley, who each hit the back of the net three times for Wilhelmina against Box Hill, and Jimmy Smart, who notched a treble for Lions against Slavia.

Striker Jimmy Armstrong, the man who wants to leave Hakoah, scored the only goal of the match to give the Middle Park men a shock 1-0 win over Croatia.

● Croatia full-back Hugh Gunn goes down in a clash with a Hakoah attacker during their match last weekend.

ASF chief won't quit

Rumors that Sir William Walkley, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, is planning to retire have been abandoned.

ASF secretary Mr. Brian Le Fevre said this week: "A report about Sir William quitting appeared in the Sydney Press, but there is absolutely no truth in it.

"In fact, Sir William was amazed when I told him about it. He said it was the first he had heard of it.

"He stressed that he had every intention of continuing as president and had given no hint to anyone that he would retire soon.

"On the contrary, he is planning to go to South Korea in October to watch the Australian team play its World Cup elimination games.

"And, of course, if we make the finals in Mexico next year, he will go there, too."

Sir William, a New Zealander, has been they guiding hand behind the growth of the Ampol Petroleum company, which sponsors Night Cup soccer in the various States.

He is a former chairman of the company and is still a member of the board.

Sir William announced this week that FIFA chief Sir Stanley Rous will visit Australia soon.

Sir Stanley will be in Sydney for a couple of days from August 25. He will stop off there during his return trip from the South Pacific Games.

During that weekend, the Australian Soccer Federation executive will meet. Later Sir Stanley will attend a dinner with the members.

The party will discuss some of the problems facing Australian soccer.

BIG NIGHT FOR SOCCER

The Victorian Soccer Federation annual ball will be held at the San Remo Ballroom on Thursday, August 7, and club entrants will be judged for the title of Miss Soccer Federation.

The winner will get a return trip for two to Fiji, flying by courtesy of Air-India.

Entries are still required from clubs and applications for tickets for the ball should be made to the Federation office.

Why not book a table for your club members and enter a girl for the Miss Soccer quest? This will help the Spastic Children's Society and your entrant could go forward to the Miss Victoria and Miss Australia quests.

Members of the Greek national team, who will be in Melbourne to play Victoria on August 10, will be guests of the Federation at the ball.

Further details about tickets and entry forms for the Miss Soccer Quest can be obtained from Soccer House.

ONE MORE TO ALEXANDER

Nick Aylonitis, a defender, has joined Hellas from division one Alexander. He is one of several Greeks who came to the Metro side a few weeks ago.

JUNIORS ON TRIAL

Last weekend marked the start of trials for the Victorian Under-12s line-up, which will play in a carnival in Adelaide late in August.

The boys are training under coach Bill Curran, of the Hellas club. They go through their paces each Saturday at Hellas' junior ground, Middle Park, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Junior official Andy Johnstone said: "We want the best team we can get, so clubs are invited to send along any boy they think worthy of a trial."

Also in training, at Yarra Park each Sunday (2 p.m.) are the Under-16's squad. They are preparing for the national carnival in Newcastle at the end of August.

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George Yelland looks at State League form

HAKOAH goalie Sandy Henderson punches the ball clear during the match against Croatia.

WILHELMINA HAD TOO MUCH POWER

FOUR points clear at the top, 34 goals for and only seven against, bear eloquent testimony to Wilhelmina's remorseless grind towards the State League championship. Their slaughter of Box Hill, last Saturday, was cold, calculated murder.

Box Hill fought as usual, but were as helpless as a rabbit in the coils of a python.

Hat-tricks by Spiekerman and Edgley highlighted Ringwood's massive win.

Footscray J.U.S.T. surrendered a valuable point to Polonia. Goalkeeper Litwin starred in the scoreless draw.

George Cross, hot on the comeback trail, vanquished an out-of-touch South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

Hakoah surprised Croatia. Armstrong's first-half goal was sufficient to take both points from the inaccurate Olympic Park side.

Lions again proved their quality. The third hat-trick of the weekend, by Jimmy Smart, gave them a three-goal margin over Port Melbourne Slavia.

Juventus were too good for Melbourne's youngsters. Winning by three clear goals, they overwhelmed the St. Kilda boys and might have scored more.

A noteworthy feature of the six matches was that in each game at least one side failed to score.

RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA 6 (Spiekerman 3, Edgley 3) BOX HILL 0. Referee, Mr. J. Dixon. Jubilee Park.. Crowd, 790..

Teams — **Ringwood City:** Van Egmond, Plunkett, Vowles, Pygall, Bibby, Thomson, Atkins, Edgley, Spiekerman, Feenstra and Villers. O'Toole replaced Pygall after 30 minutes. **Box Hill:** Hagar, Rae, Voce, Brown, Young, Brownlie, Oxton, McPherson, McGregor, McLachlan and Coles.

In 20 minutes Ringwood established a winning four-goal lead with a power-packed display of top-class soccer.

Architect of most of these scoring attacks was David Pygall, but the old firm of Atkins and Spiekerman brought two of them.

Wim Spiekerman, ace striker with a lethal left foot, is the League's top scorer. Fifteen goals in 14 games (10 in the last four) makes one wonder how many more he must score before receiving State recognition.

His terrific understanding and combination with Steve Atkins, on the wing, is worthy of our State squad bosses' observation and thought.

Bobby Thomson marshalled the rock-like grip on Box Hill's attack, which never relaxed.

Box Hill have made frantic attempts to halt the succession of defeats by signing new players.

They are to be commended for their valiant efforts to re-establish themselves in State League.

COATIA 0, HAKOAH 1 (Armstrong). Referee, Mr. G. Harrison. Olympic Park. Crowd, 1369.

Teams — **Croatia:** Voigt, D. McKay, Williams, McArthur, Gunn, Rau, McIntyre, Davies, Vojtek, J. McKay and Hargreaves. **Hakoah:** Henderson, Douglas, Baker, Gadsby, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Fry, Armstrong, Drogojevic, Bridgeman and Cameron.

Hakoah shocked Croatia when they took the lead at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The goal came when Armstrong darted in to take advantage of a defensive error.

Up to that time Croatia had held the balance of midfield exchanges, but repeatedly fell into Hakoah's well drilled off-side trap.

McArthur, Gunn and Rau had proved an effective barrier to all Hakoah's attacking moves.

Armstrong subsequently caused Croatia's defence some anxious moments with intelligent wandering and a willingness to "have a go."

Exciting moments followed when shots were blocked at both ends.

In the second half Croatia turned on the heat, but Hakoah hung on to their slender lead with grim determination.

David Baker marked his return with a first-class display at full-back. O'Neill and Stenhouse showed their skill and experience by remaining steady under pressure.

Jim Mackay played superlative soccer, but luck was not with him. He is undoubtedly one of our finest attacking schemers.

LIONS 3 (Smart 3), PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA 0. Referee, Mr. C. Contini. Montgomery Park. Crowd, 535.

Teams — **Lions:** Wenzl, Roseweir, Schwartz, Bartley, Walker, Van Zeist, Pattison, Murney, Smart, Rooney and Horner. **Port Melbourne:** O'Hara, Livingstone, McBain, Reed, Cook, Zanatta, Jurecki, Kraus, Butler, Mortimer and Gildea.

The State League Tribunal could not muster a quorum last week, with the result that Jimmy Smart gained a reprieve of seven days.

How fortunate this was for Lions may be judged from the fact that he scored all three goals.

Seldom has a striker given Billy Cook the run around that Smart gave him on Saturday.

Murney put in 90 minutes of valuable effort and wingers Pattison and Horner were speedy and crossed well.

Wenzl made a welcome return to State League. After some anxious moments early on he performed with agility and good judgment.

Lions' defence was solid and effective. Steve Walker makes a specialty of containing goal scoring centre forwards and Butler was no exception.

Port Melbourne made a lot of positional changes to accommodate newcomer Mortimer. It unsettled them and they never appeared as compact as in recent weeks.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0, GEORGE CROSS 1 (Reed). Referee, Mr. G. Pedler. Middle Park. Crowd, 3190.

Teams — **South Melbourne Hellas:** Stevens, Kelly, High, Bedford, Roussis, Dimitsianos, Pyrgolios, Kambouropoulos, Ackerley, Gorrie and Mandalis. **George Cross:** Dockerty, Morgan, Friedeberg, Ireland, Cairns, Sanchez, Campbell, Armour, Simpson, Reid and Gardiner. Kastner replaced Dockerty after 30 minutes.

With a new-found will to win, playing non-stop attacking soccer, George Cross outpaced and outplayed Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

Bubbling with confidence and determination they never let up from the word go and won more easily than the score suggests.

Ian Reid has put bite into the attack, and when Simpson gets some weight off and is in peak condition they will form a potent double-pronged spearhead.

John Gardiner is developing into a more than useful left winger. With a little more body swerve and increased ball control he will be a great asset.

George Cairns has blocked the middle route to goal and Morgan and Friedeberg are a fine pair of backs. A word of warning to Friedeberg — "a really class player does NOT have to descend to the more than robust tactics you have employed in recent games. You have tremendous potential. Stick to football and develop your obvious, natural talent."

Dockerty had to go off injured in the first half. Lou Kastner came on, suffered two nasty knocks, but gave a great display, though in obvious pain.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0, POLONIA 0. Referee, Mr. L. Stafrace. Schintler Reserve. Crowd, 2100.

Teams— **Footscray:** Fode, Utjesnevic, Rusmir, Micic, Rice Cirkovic, Zoraja, Lukic, Mihajlovic, Buljevic and Adamovic. **Polonia:** Litwin, Knot, Sowula, Olinowski, Zurawski, Czapnik, E. Wrobel, Closs, Siwka, Molloy and Plaskota. Stankovic replaced Adamovic in the second half. Marmur replaced E. Wrobel in the second half.

An attractive exhibition of good soccer provided crowd-pleasing entertainment at Schintler Reserve last Sunday.

It was a game which proved once again that soccer can entertain even without goals if it is played well.

On balance J.U.S.T. should have won handsomely.

Goalkeeper Litwin was the main reason the Footscray boys were scoreless. He gave a flawless performance. Some of his saves, particularly two from Adamovic and Stankovic, were almost miraculous.

Outstanding for Footscray were State player Buljevic and full-back Utjesnevic (who should certainly be in the State squad).

The full-back gave a fine, professional display of defensive work at its best.

In addition to Litwin, Zurawski, Czapnik and Closs were in top form for Polonia.

The big centre half had a tremendous battle with Buljevic.

Young Czapnik is a talented half-back with well developed football sense. He is a terrific worker who must soon make the Under 23 squad.

MELBOURNE 0, JUVENTUS 3 (McColl, Frost, Thompson). Referee, Mr. R. Lamb. St. Kilda C.G. Crowd, 2090.

Teams — **Melbourne:** Gerrard, Fowler, McGowan, Shanks, Scott, Ballerini, Davey, Wallace, Rogers, Myers and Bleskany. Grey replaced Rogers in the second half. **Juventus:** Reilly, Sonsini, Della Rocca, Lakey, Goodwin, Dockerty, Frost, Connelly, Thompson, McColl and Di Marchi. Robertson replaced Di Marchi after 75 minutes.

This game was one-way traffic. Juventus were far superior to Melbourne in all departments and deserved their success.

McColl played a great game, although several times it was obvious that he was feeling the rib injury which kept him out of the last two games. He scored the first goal and was a problem for the slow-moving, almost flat-footed Melbourne defence.

It was a rather odd move to replace Di Marchi who, although at times cumbersome, always keeps the pressure on opposing defences.

Dockerty was an outstanding player for the visitors. His drive, ability to make position and obvious thinking made him a force in Juventus' victory. He is a player to watch.

Jock Goodwin is back in top form. Complete master of the middle, he also found time to give his forwards plenty of prompting.

Tough for Cross

CAN George Cross, with their new spirit, overcome Lions next Saturday?

They believe they can; Lions are sure they can't. Should George Cross win, it will be evident that coach Robertson has achieved the most important thing for the club, a revival of the old "never-say-die" effort which brought success in the past. Outcome of this game could rest with the State League I. & D. committee.

If they meet and Smart is suspended, George Cross would have a tremendous advantage. If Smart is still there, I think Lions will win. If not, the result could go the other way.

Maribyrnong will see a contrast in styles when Ringwood City visit Polonia on Saturday. In spite of their great effort against Footscray last Sunday, it is too much to expect them to hold the powerful Ringwood side.

Spiekerman, Atkins and Edgley will need to have their shooting boots on if they are to pass the cat-like Litwin.

Polonia's attack does not appear to have the strength to upset Thomson, Van Egmond and company, and I anticipate Wilhelmina taking another two points.

Middle Park will put on a game full of interest. Will J.U.S.T. fall into Hakoah's off-side trap? Can Jimmy Armstrong break through the tight Footscray defence?

Hakoah's defence certainly carried them over the Croatia hurdle and Footscray dropped a valuable point.

Even so, I cannot see Hakoah winning this one. They could manage a draw, but I think a narrow win to the visitors is more likely.

Sunday provides mixed fare.

Box Hill face a more talented but out-of-form South Melbourne Hellas. If the ball bounces their way they could surprise and collect two valuable points in the process.

Croatia will return to winning ways at St. Kilda.

Melbourne's young side lacks the know-how to cope with the skill and experience of Coatia.

McIntyre, Vojtek and Jim McKay will provide too much speed and thrust for the slow-moving Melbourne defence.

Melbourne's young forwards have plenty of talent and potential, and Duncan Mackay, Williams and Rau will need to be watchful, but I think they will cope.

Port Melbourne Slavia face Juventus at Olympic Park. Although Slavia's home game, they will be playing on Juventus' home ground.

Never an easy team to forecast, I think Juventus are settling down. Goodwin, Sousini, Lakey and Dockerty should hold the Slavia attack.

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CROATIA

One of the strongest and most colorful outfits in the State League today is Croatia, the team which swept the board with a great treble last season.

In a fantastic 1968 run they lifted the Ampol Night Cup, waltzed away with the League title with several points to spare, then rounded things off with a Dockerty Cup win.

This term, after a slow start, they are back again as a big threat to the leading pair, Ringwood City-Wilhelmina and J.U.S.T.

Although before last weekend's games they had a fair amount of leeway to make up, only a fool would dismiss their title chance at this stage.

With most of their top players — including some of the best in the State — back in the line-up, they are capable of throwing out a strong challenge in the closing stages of the championship race.

This is how secretary Frank Burin sees things:

"The leaders, Ringwood, are a very workmanlike side. They have earned their place at the top the hard way and will take a lot of catching.

"But, despite the gap in points, we certainly haven't given up hope and from now on we will be flat out to lift the honors again."

And it is possible Croatia will have some new blood in the side before long. They are chasing several men in the U.K., including a centre-forward and a right winger.

The Croatia club was formed in 1953. After playing in the lower ranks they stepped into division four the following year.

They later stepped up to division two and, after combining with Croatia in Geelong and being based in that city, they finished in the top two in 1958 and moved into division one.

In 1959, Croatia won the pennant but Preston, after winning an extra point on a protest, were the team to go into the State League.

The Croatia club was split by a move of some officials and players to Preston, which became Preston Croat.

At the end of 1962 Croatia won promotion to the State League and amalgamated with Preston Croat for 1963.

But it was a bad year and the side dropped back into division one in 1964. Then, with new faces in the line-up, they found their shooting boots again and got back into top company at the first go.

In 1965 they finished sixth, the following year they went one better, ending up fifth on the ladder, and in 1967 they took third spot after heading the table for a time.

The promise they had shown in those three seasons bore fruit in 1968, when they pulled off the great treble and established themselves as the team to beat.

They showed their resilience at the start of this year by reaching the final of the Ampol Night Cup again, despite being without a number of their best men. They went down 1-2 to Hellas.

The officials of the club are headed by chairman John Kokic and his deputy, Nick Drk. Secretary is Frank Burin, assisted by Ilija Jurkovic. Others are treasurers Milan Ovcaric, assistant treasurer Anton Jakobovic and a large committee.

A man formerly prominent in the club is Enver Begovic, now VSF treasurer and board member. He was Croatia chairman for several years.

The man who gets so much out of the players is coach Michael Kiss, who came from Croatia Sydney at the beginning of 1968. The club reckons he is the best "signing" they ever made.

Kiss looks after the first and second teams and it was his wide soccer knowledge which was behind the senior's success in 1968.

The club has four junior line-ups — Under-12, Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 — and these are under the wing of coach Tony Vrzina. He is helped by juniors secretary Ivan Loncar.

One of the most promising of the junior players is wing-half Nino Budicin, who is with the Under-16s and in the running for a Victorian place. He played in the reserves when he was only 14.

The senior ranks of the club boast some real talent. The man who has the job of keeping them fit is masseur Joe Matteo, who has been with Croatia about three years.

Coach Michael Kiss puts the emphasis on teamwork when dealing with the players but among the key men are Australian international striker Billy Vojtek, Billy McIntyre, last season's top goalgetter, Jim Mackay, a linkman who has won State honors, and the experienced Duncan Mackay, former Scottish international, at full-back.

Vojtek, who came to Croatia from Essendon Juniors about seven years ago when he was 17, is rated one of the best forwards in Australia.

His tricky play and powerful shooting made him a star on the 1967 tour of Asia, when Australia made a clean sweep in 10 games.

He is a regular in the Victorian and Australian sides and looks set to have a big hand in the games against the Greek touring team this month and in our World Cup bid in South Korea in October.

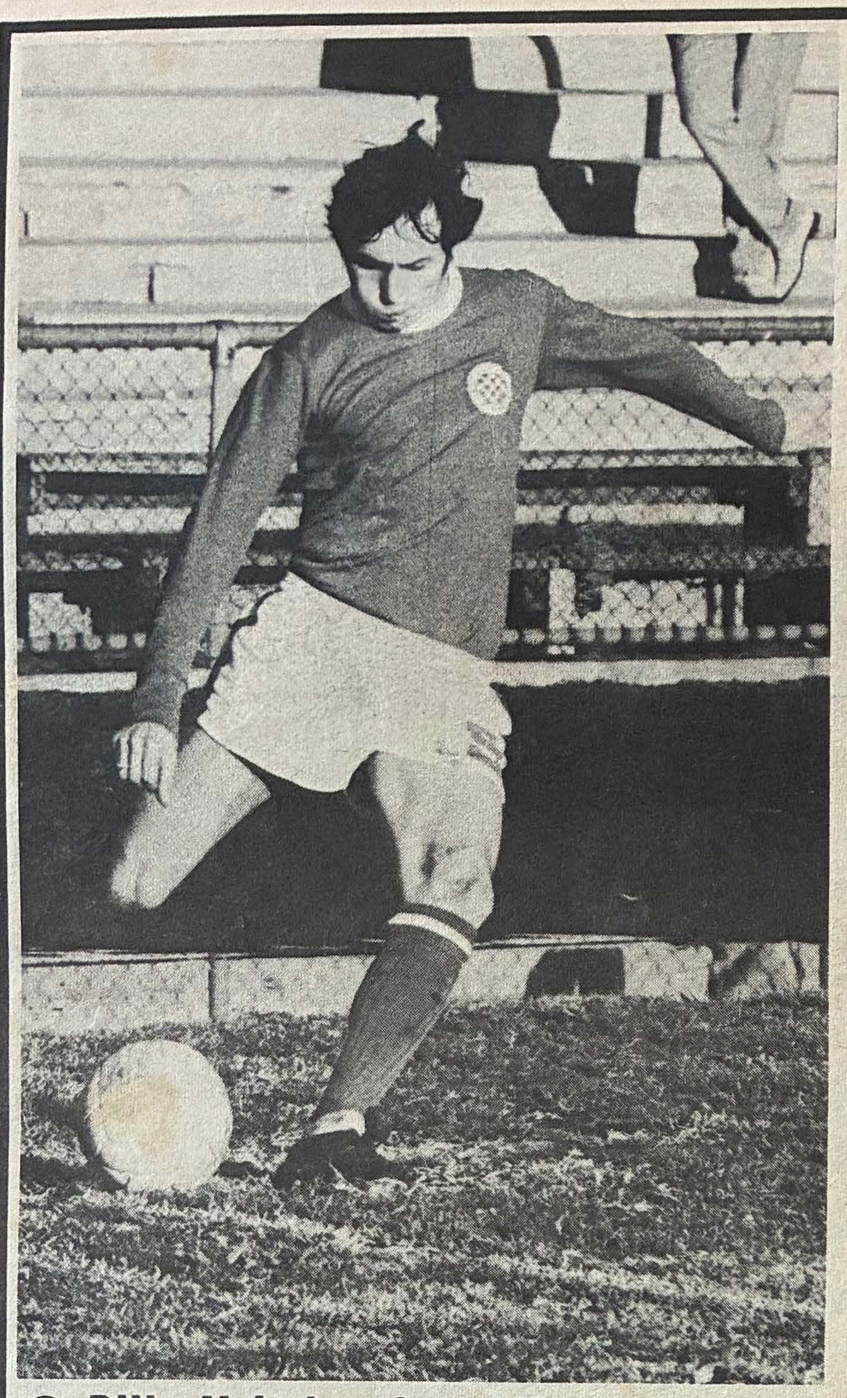
McIntyre is one of the best bustlers in the game and is another noted for blasting home the goals from all angles.

Jim Mackay, a natural ball player, has few peers as a linkman and his namesake, Duncan, with a long career behind him, is a strongman in defence.

The full first team squad is: goalies Mike Kovacek and Deiter Voigt, full-backs Duncan Mackay, Brian Williams, David Williamson and Ray Wixey, stoppers Hugh Gunn and Billy McArthur, linkmen Horst Rau (skipper), Jim Mackay and Peter Davies, and forwards Billy Vojtek, Billy McIntyre, Terry Hargreaves, Brian Adlam and Harry Gitzel. A newcomer is goalie Ivan Sliskovic, from the Makedonia club.

These are the men who could still spring a win in the championship this year if they run into top form, so keep an eye on them.

In 1962, Croatia moved from Geelong to play at Maribyrnong, now Polonia's ground. Croatia's home is now at Olympic Park. They moved there at the start of last season.



● Billy Vojtek — forward

● Billy McIntyre — forward

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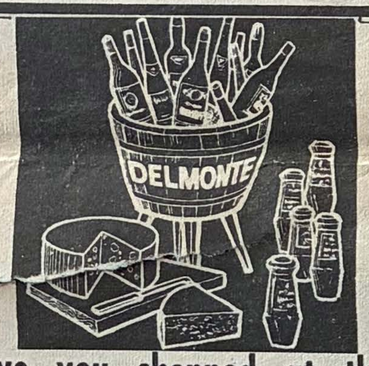
● Next week Alexander the team set to step back into State League



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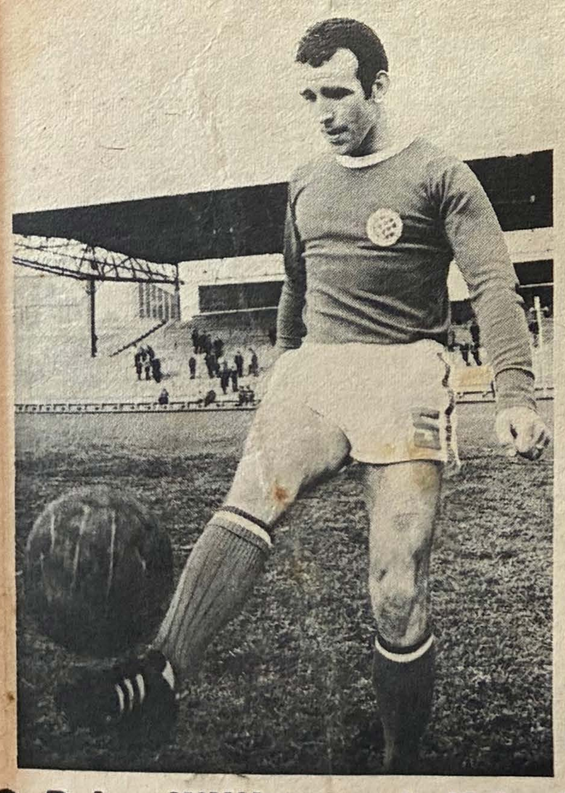
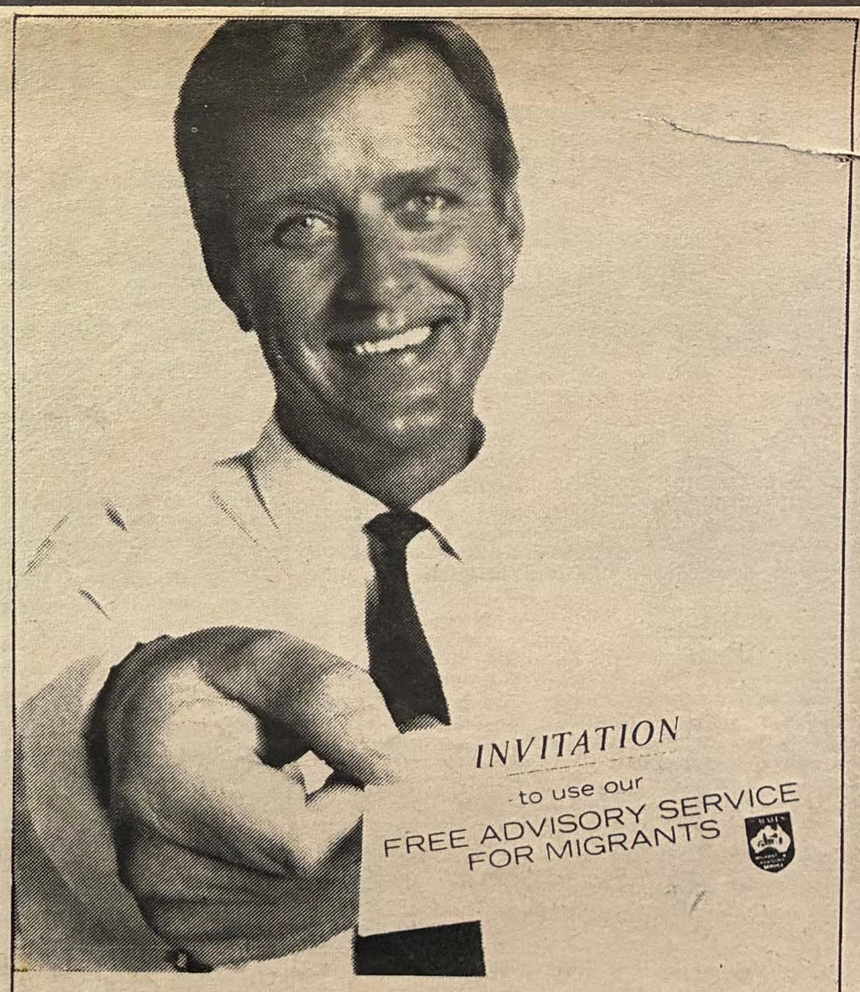
THE Croatia team (back row from left): Kovacec, Williamson, D. McKay, Gunn, McArthur, Williams, Voigt, Rau, Adlam, coach Michael Kiss. (Front): McIntyre, J. McKay, Vojtek, Davies, Hargreaves.



● Brian Williams — half-back

● Horst Rau — half-back



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Time runs out for 2 teams

By ALISTAIR COOK

DESPITE a good performance by Coburg United in holding First Division leaders Alexander to a 1-1 draw, time is running out for challengers Keilor City and Dandenong City.

Neither side has the consistency to topple Alexander from the leadership and continued criticism of the Greek side's form seems ill-founded to say the least.

Davey Wilson put Coburg ahead midway through the first half when he volleyed home a cross by captain Arthur Bolton, but Alexander equalised before half time when Xantopolous converted a penalty kick.

With linkman Roy Yeasley the driving force behind United, they looked a good side although Alexander were still dangerous in attack.

Dandenong City moved back into second position on the League ladder with a goal average boosting 8-0 win over Maribyrnong Triestina.

Peter Lowen grabbed five goals for City, whose week to week form lacks the necessary consistency to close the gap between themselves and the leaders.

Keilor City, with a 5-2 win, put Sunshine City into the depths of relegation and they must feel concerned at their poor form.

Brothers Wally and Kaz Klein monopolised Keilor's goals with the former banging in another three to maintain his recent great form.

Sunshine had to be content with a couple of penalty kicks for their goals and they cannot feel confident of their future in First Division.

Elwood Austria were their usual mercurial selves in their 2-1 win over Springvale.

Steve Brown was on hand to put the Elwood side ahead after 15 minutes and a diving header by him soon after gave his team mates plenty of confidence, as they went to a two-goal lead.

This confidence developed into a casual approach, however, and it came as no surprise when the Springvale left winger left the Elwood defence flat footed before scoring a good goal in the 70th minute.

Preston Makedonia gained two valuable points when they beat Ringwood United 2-1.

Van der Maart put the Ringwood side into the lead after seven minutes when he prodded home a cross by left winger Timmy Noy, but four minutes later United defender Eddy Gray deflected the ball past De Mann to put the Preston side on level terms.

Makedonia scored the winner after half time from a penalty kick when Ringwood defender Bens had handled in the area.

Altona City consolidated their League position with a 3-1 win over St. Albans.

St. Albans were disappointing, for they were weakened by injury and they could not prevent the strengthened Altona side from running to a two goal lead.

Manny Bjlajiv reduced the lee way for St. Albans 10 minutes after the interval, but with recent signings from Slavia — Savage and Kerr — pulling their weight, Altona increased their lead before the final whistle.

SECOND DIVISION

Green Gully Ajax moved to a clear two point lead in Second Division with a 3-0 win over Albion Rovers.

Ajax were clearly the better team and look a good bet to hold on to the leadership with challenges from most other quarters weakening.

Benny McQuillan, the Albion Rovers' striker, was sent off before half time for the third time this season. This was a good indication of the frustration suffered by his team.

Moreland Thistles halted Brunswick Athena's hopes with a timely 2-1 win to lift them temporarily clear of the relegation zone.

Athena's left winger put his side ahead after 30 minutes, but Moreland fought back, and before half time right winger Joe Bartolo lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper's head for a good equaliser.

Twenty minutes after half time Moreland forced a corner kick through Ray Evans and this was headed home in great style by the diminutive Eric Wilkes.

Richmond kept themselves in the promotion battle with a 1-0 win over Prahran City.

Only brilliant goalkeeping by Schul for Prahran kept them in the game against the on form Richmond forwards.

He could not stem the tide completely and Ganglimaeir scored the winner for Richmond after 35 minutes when Sellheim had taken advantage of a slip by the Prahran centre half.

Frankston City further dashed the hopes of Park Rangers when, with a late burst in the second half, they scored a 3-1 victory.

Dave Morgan scored two goals for City and the luckless Rangers could only reply with a penalty kick by Dennis Gibson.

THIRD DIVISION

Princes Park Hercules retained a one point lead in Third Division when they were held at a 1-1 draw by the St. Kilda side.

Both teams had the emphasis on defence in the scoreless first half, and it was not until 20 minutes after resumption that inside left Steve Kaknis put Hercules ahead from close range.

St. Kilda equalised soon after and the Princes Park side had to be content with a share of the points.

Croydon loomed as a threat to the leaders with a well earned 3-2 win over Ballarat.

Even without leading scorers Kinwell and Atkinson, Croydon started off well, and Hugh Shaw, a recent signing from Box Hill, proved his worth by scoring two goals.

Ballarat put up some spirited opposition to tag along with Croydon for most of the game, and it was not until 10 minutes from the end that Joe Graffin had a free kick deflected past the Ballarat keeper for the winning goal.

East Melbourne Helvetic made amends for their recent poor form with a 2-0 win over Chelsea.

Walter Kuenen scored both the Helvetic goals in the second half against a Chelsea team who played well in midfield, but lacked someone of his scoring ability.

Bayswater's blend of youth and experience paid off when they beat the relegation threatened Clayton 4-2 in a hard fought game.

FOURTH DIVISION

Mooroolbark United continued their winning run when they easily beat Eltham 5-0 to still leave them one point ahead of Western Suburbs but with a game in hand.

The game was one of experimentation for United as they concentrated on developing a tighter defensive system for next season's games.

SELECTIONS

First Division: Alexander, Preston Makedonia, Altona City, Keilor City, Dandenong City, Coburg v. Elwood Austria draw.

Second Division: Richmond, Green Gully Ajax, Brunswick Athena v. Albion Rovers draw, Moreland Thistle, Frankston City, Ferntree Gully v. Sandringham City draw.

Third Division: Heidelberg, Clayton, Ballarat, Croydon, St. Kilda, Brighton v. Princes Park Hercules draw.

Fourth Division: Newport, Monash University, Western Suburbs, Mooroolbark, Eltham and Doncaster Rovers.

Lining it up...

CROATIA forward Jimmy McKay lines up a kick in the match against Hakoah. Looking on from left are Davies (Croatia), Bridgeman (Hakoah), Rau (Croatia), referee Geoff Harrison, Stenhouse (Hakoah) and O'Neill (Hakoah).

Boys show great skill

Is junior soccer progressing? After watching the first in the series of trial games held at Middle Park last Saturday, to select an U-12 representative team, my answer is definitely, yes.

Those who watched were amazed at the skills displayed by these sub juniors; pure skills which surpassed any shown in the U-14 or U-16 squads.

If only it were possible to put the pick of these boys above club level and into the hands of a dedicated state coach for the next five years, Victoria would produce star players capable of competing successfully with anyone.

Meanwhile the U-16 training session also continued at Yarra Park, to complete the third of the four preliminary sessions. After this week-end the 130 boys will be reduced to 50, who will be handed to the coach for further deletion.

The Melbourne club who have always had a very successful junior section, have scored another winner with a six-page junior newsletter, which is to be publisher fortnightly. From within its pages comes the names of a trio who have scored 70 goals between them this season.

They are Lou Szantho 27, Duncan Cummings 23, and Andrew Hatvany 20.

This week we have printed the U-12 league ladders, with the exception of the Central Division.

Unfortunately, this division which is comprised mainly of State league club juniors, have been the biggest offenders in not sending through results. However, this league will be complete by next week.

RESULTS

U10 Cup replay: Box Hill 2, Seaford 1.

U12 Cup replay: Bayswater 1, Mooroolbark 0.

U10 League: J.U.S.T. 2, Sth. Sunshine 0; Frankston City 1, Mornington 0; Box Hill 0, Melbourne 7; Lions 6, Sunshine Hgts "B" 1; Doncaster 0, Juventus 0; Pines "A" 5, Karingal "B" 0; Seaford 0, Karingal "A" 2; Pines "B" 0, Peninsula 3; Doveton 0, Bayswater 2, Altona 4, Sunshine Hgts "A" 0.

U12 League: Box Hill 1, Waverley City 3; J.U.S.T. 12, Clayton 2; Frankston City 8, Karingal "B" 0; Doncaster "A" 5, Bayswater 0; Mooroolbark 2, Doncaster "B" 0; Diamond Creek 0; Eltham 2; Karingal "A" 13, Seaford 0; Rosanna 6, Heidelberg 0; Peninsula 4, Doveton 0; Altona 1, West Newport 2; Melbourne "A" 3, Croatia 0; Melbourne "B" 3, Juventus 0; Pines 11, Langwarrin 1; Wilhelmina 10, Croydon 1; Hurstbride 1, Greensborough 3.

U14: J.U.S.T. 15, George Cross 0; Frankston City 15, Mornington 0; Doncaster 5, Mooroolbark 0; Melton 0, Keilor City 11; Bayswater 0, Doveton 5, Melbourne 0, Croatia 4; Sandringham 6, Clayton 1; Brighton 1, Dandenong 3; Waverley City 2, Welhelmina 2.

U16: Corio "B" 1, Sunshine Hts 1; Frankston City 0, Doveton 1; Doncaster 14, Ringwood Utd. 1; Hellas 5, Hakoah 0; Diamond Creek 0; Alexander 4; Karingal 10, Chelsea 0; Heidelberg 4, Glenroy 0; Box Hill 2, Bayswater 1; Altona 3, Newport 2; Elwood Austria 5, Keilor 2.

U18: Alexander 4, Dandenong 3; Elwood Austria 5, George Cross 1; Doveton 4, Ferntree Gully 1.

UNDER 12 LEAGUE LADDERS

East Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Waverley City	11	9	2	0	20
Wilhelmina	11	8	2	1	18
D'caster "A"	10	7	2	1	16
Bayswater	11	6	0	5	12
Mooroolbark	10	3	1	6	7
Croydon	10	2	1	7	5
Box Hill	10	1	1	8	3
D'caster "B"	11	1	1	9	3

North East Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Rosanna	10	9	0	1	18
G'borough	10	8	1	1	17
Eltham	10	7	0	3	14
Hurstbridge	9	4	0	5	8
Diamond Ck	9	2	1	6	5
Plenty	9	1	2	6	4
Heidelberg	9	0	0	9	0

South Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Frankston C.	11	11	0	0	22
Frankston P.	10	8	0	2	16
Peninsula	10	6	0	4	12
Karingal "A"	9	5	1	3	11
Doveton	7	4	0	3	8
Karingal "B"	7	1	2	3	3
Seaford	11	0	2	9	2
Langwarrin	10	0	1	9	1

DIVISION ONE WEST

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Sunshine C.	5	5	0	0	10
Sunshine Sth	6	5	0	1	10
Keilor	7	4	0	3	8
Sunshine Hgts	4	3	0	1	6
St. Albans	6	0	0	6	0
Our Lady's	7	0	0	7	0

DIVISION TWO WEST

	P	W	D	L	Pt
West Newport	9	9	0	0	18
Altona	6	4	0	2	8
Corio	6	3	0	3	6
Lions	5	2	0	3	4
Newport	5	0	0	5	0
Werribee	5	0	0	5	0

RINGWOOD FORWARD

RINGWOOD CITY-Wilhelmina lost a good servant last weekend when forward Alan Villers played his last game for the club against Box Hill.

He has been transferred to Queensland in his work and left for the sunshine State this week.

Villers, who was in his fifth season with the Jubilee Park side, formerly played with Hakoah. Before coming to Australia he was with Montrose in Scotland.

A fine club man, he had a good record on the field, playing it hard but fair, and never being in trouble with whistle men.

Wilhelmina president, John Van Hoboken, said: "He has been a credit to the side and a fine example for our youngsters. We are sorry to see him go."

After last weekend's match Mr. Van Hoboken presented Villers with a silver plaque which bore an inscription paying tribute to his loyalty and sportsmanship.

Ringwood have signed a left or right winger from a top division side in Istanbul, Turkey. He is Mehmet Tektas. He has not yet been cleared, and it could be some time before he is in action.

LEADERS CRASH

By RICK LAVALE

THERE were shocks galore in the District League last Sunday, as all three divisional leaders were defeated.

For Chadstone (Eastern Division) and Kingsville (Western Division) it was their first loss of the season, while Fitzroy (Central) had faced defeat before.

Chadstone's 1-2 loss to Frankston Pines put Northcote City and Langwarrin back in the race in the Eastern Division.

After a scoreless first half Pines took the lead from the right wing, and then made it 2-0 when the Chadstone goalkeeper dropped a cross leaving Pines with an open goal. Garey Hasler reduced the arrears from close range, but apart from the opening minutes Chadstone never looked like being leaders.

In the Central Division Fawkner beat Fitzroy 3-2 in fiery game. Priscuso (Fitzroy) and Cosmano (Fawkner) were ordered off by the referee as tempers flared.

Fawkner took the lead in the last minutes of the first half when Bercocchi, who played a vital part in the team's win, drove the ball home through a crowd of players. Further goals from Del 'Lolio and Laterra made it 3-0, and although Fitzroy bounced back with two fine goals by Pasquini they had left it too late.

Western leaders, Kingsville, finally met their Waterloo against East Carlton.

Rossetto got both East's goals, the first from the penalty spot, and the winner when Pechattio lobbed a free kick which Zancoich nodded on for the ex-Juventus player to score with a great shot. East Carlton's defence played magnificently and gave the Kingsville forwards very little chances.

Ardeer beat Melton 3-2 in a tight game which was decided finally by a penalty in favor of Ardeer. Paddy Dockerty scored both Melton's goals while Jimmy McPhail had an outstanding game at half-back, as Ardeer got the breaks and accepted them with both hands.

St. Leo's, North Altona, celebrated the appointment of Svoronacc their new trainer, with a 1-0 win over Yarraville. St. Leo's can thank Luciano Pellizzari for the points as he turned on a one man show up forward and finally scored with a nice shot following a corner kick.

A new face in the St. Leo's squad is that of Trojan Miosku, 20, a left winger who came from J.U.S.T. just before the transfer deadline.

Keon Park boosted their goal average with a 12-0 win over a Diamond Creek team, which, hard hit by injuries and illness, could field only 10 men. Keon Park are now poised only one point behind Fitzroy at the top of the Central Division.

Northcote City scraped home 1-0 against Sth. Dandenong with a goal scored only two minutes from time by star right winger Joe Hackett. But City's form will have to improve next week when they face stiffer competition against Cheltenham.

Carlton were disappointing in their 0-2 loss to Nth. Sunshine, who were by far the more enterprising side. Goalscorers for North were Angelo Farruga and Charlie Borg, while Michael Adami displayed midfield mastery and created all the openings. Best players for Carlton were V. Mihajlovic and V. Pekic.

Lorimer United have withdrawn from the Central Division and all teams scheduled to play them shall receive the two premiership points.

LEAGUE LADDERS

Eastern Division: Chadstone 17, Northcote 15, Langwarrin 14, Frankston Pines 14, Oakleigh 14, Hawksburn 12, Cheltenham 9, Sth. Dandenong 5, Army Apprentices 4, Frognall 0.

Western Division: Kingsville 21, Ardeer 17, Garden City 15, East Carlton 12, Melton 11, Nth. Sunshine 10, Nth. Altona 9, Pascoe Vale 6, Yarraville 6, Carlton 3.

Central Division: Fitzroy 18, Keon Park 17, Fawkner 15, Anstey 15, Elsternwick 15, Regent 10, West Preston 10, Mid. Park 6, Lorimer 2, Diamond Creek 2. (Result of Mid. Park v. Anstey unknown.)

Reserve League: Chadstone 21, E. Carlton 17, Nth. Sunshine 14, Frankston Pines 13, Langwarrin 13, Fawkner 8, Army Apprentices 8, Carlton 7, Sth. Dandenong 6, Pascoe Vale 1.

SELECTIONS

Eastern Division: Frankston Pines, Chadstone, Langwarrin, Northcote City. **Western Division:** Kingsville, Ardeer v. E. Carlton draw, Melton, Garden City. **Central Division:** Fitzroy, Keon Park, Anstey, Fawkner.

DEATH OF REFEREE

The death occurred recently of Mr. Jack Hadfield, a former top Victorian referee. He gave up whistling about 15 years ago.

Avlonitis has shown promising form and he could be knocking on the first team door soon.

He was a former president of the Referees' Association of Victoria and a life member of that body.

DISCIPLINARY MAN

Mr. Ernie Barrett, a former chairman of the South Australian Amateur League, has been appointed to the State League disciplinary committee.

He replaces Mr. Sam Horrobin, who died recently.

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Yallourn	1
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Park Rangers	1

DIVISION

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Princes Park Hercules	1
St. Kilda	1
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Corio	1
Monash University	1
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South Yarra	1
Eltham	1
Mornington	1
Moorabbin	1
Rosebud	1

DIVISION ONE

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Keilor City	1
Sunshine City	1
Elwood Austria	1
Ringwood United	1
Altona	1
Dandenong City	1
Coburg	1
Springvale	1
Alexander	1
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Maribyr. Triestina	1

DIVISION TWO

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Albion Rovers	1
Waverley	1
Yallourn	1
Richmond	1
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LADDERS

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Ringwood City Wilh.	14	11	2	1	34	7	24
Footscray J.U.S.T.	14	8	4	2	26	12	20
Juventus	14	8	2	4	27	14	18
Croatia	14	8	1	5	25	14	17
Sth. Melb. Hellas	14	7	2	5	31	26	16
Lions	14	7	2	5	25	22	16
Hakoah	14	4	6	4	18	18	14
Port Melb. Slavia	14	4	4	6	13	22	12
George Cross	14	5	1	8	18	29	11
Melbourne	14	2	4	8	13	24	8
Polonia	14	3	2	9	10	30	8
Box Hill	14	1	2	11	15	37	4

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Ringwood City Wilh.	14	11	2	1	48	16	24
Juventus	14	9	2	3	39	14	20
Footscray J.U.S.T.	14	7	4	3	25	16	18
Sth. Melb. Hellas	13	6	4	3	17	12	16
Lions	14	5	5	4	23	21	15
Port Melb. Slavia	14	6	2	6	18	24	14
Melbourne	13	6	2	5	19	18	14
Polonia	14	5	2	7	16	24	12
Hakoah	14	3	4	7	18	23	10
George Cross	13	1	5	7	19	38	7
Croatia	13	2	3	8	12	25	7
Box Hill	14	3	1	10	16	39	7

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Alexander	14	1	3	0	29	7	25
Dandenong City	14	8	4	2	37	17	20
Keilor City	14	9	2	3	35	17	20
Elwood Austria	14	9	1	4	27	17	19
Ringwood United	14	6	4	4	28	24	16
Springvale	14	4	4	6	20	18	12
Coburg	14	4	4	6	27	32	12
St. Albans	14	5	0	9	20	29	10
Preston Makedonia	14	3	4	7	18	27	10
Altona	14	3	4	7	14	26	10
Sunshine City	14	3	3	8	27	29	9
Maribyrnong Triestina	14	1	3	10	10	49	5

DIVISION TWO

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Green Gully Ajax	14	10	1	3	32	13	21
Brunswick Athena	14	7	5	2	29	18	19
Richmond	13	8	2	3	32	20	18
Albion Rovers	14	8	2	4	26	18	18
Frankston City	14	8	2	4	30	22	18
Prahran	14	7	3	4	30	19	17
Yallourn	14	7	3	4	28	20	17
Waverley	13	7	1	5	27	20	15
Moreland Thistle	14	4	1	9	16	28	9
Ferntree Gully	14	4	0	10	20	39	8
Sandringham	14	2	1	11	12	29	5
Park Rangers	14	0	1	13	7	43	1

DIVISION THREE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Princes Park Hercules	14	9	3	2	27	12	21
St. Kilda	14	8	4	2	41	24	20
Croydon	14	8	3	3	36	27	19
Brighton	14	7	4	3	26	17	18
Ballarat	14	6	4	4	24	17	16
E. Melb. Helvetic	14	6	4	4	28	21	16
Bayswater	14	7	1	6	39	31	15
Chelsea	14	5	1	8	22	26	11
Heidelberg	14	5	1	8	26	34	11
Glenroy	14	4	1	9	16	41	9
Clayton	14	2	4	8	20	34	8
Univ. of Melbourne	14	0	4	10	16	37	4

DIVISION FOUR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroolbark	13	11	1	1	49	8	23
West. Subs. I.C.I.	14	10	2	2	40	15	22
Newport	14	10	1	3	44	15	21
Doncaster Rovers	14	8	1	5	40	17	17
Corio	14	6	3	5	33	19	15
Monash University	13	6	3	4	30	25	15
Nth. Carlt. Olympic	14	5	4	5	36	33	14
South Yarra	14	5	2	7	26	33	12
Eltham	14	5	0	9	30	38	10
Mornington	14	3	2	9	19	42	8
Moorabbin	14	2	3	9	13	28	7
Rosebud	14	1	0	13	5	92	2

DIVISION ONE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Keilor City	14	13	0	1	59	15	26
Sunshine City	14	9	1	4	34	25	19
Elwood Austria	14	7	3	4	40	20	17
Ringwood United	14	8	1	5	41	25	17
Altona	14	8	1	5	26	24	17
Dandenong City	14	5	4	5	36	25	14
Coburg	13	5	4	4	24	23	14
Springvale	14	5	3	6	27	30	13
Alexander	14	3	4	7	21	33	10
St. Albans	13	4	2	7	15	28	10
Preston Makedonia	14	0	5	9	17	42	5
Maribyr. Triestina	14	2	0	12	11	61	4

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Albion Rovers	14	12	0	2	42	13	24
Waverley	14	10	3	1	42	6	23
Yallourn	14	10	0	4	45	22	20
Richmond	14	8	2	4	22	14	18
Frankston City	14	7	3	4	41	20	17
Prahran	14	5	3	6	31	23	13
Park Rangers	14	4	4	6	18	28	12
Moreland Thistle	14	4	2	8	18	35	10
Ferntree Gully	14	4	1	9	17	26	9
Green Gully Ajax	14	4	1	9	20	36	9
Sandringham	14	3	2	9	12	42	8
Brunswick Athena	14	1	3	10	13	56	5

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Clayton	14	11	0	3	51	17	22
Croydon	14	9	2	3	40	28	20
Brighton	14	9	1	4	36	23	19
Princes Park Hercules	13	9	1	3	36	24	19
Bayswater	14	8	2	4	34	27	18
Univ. of Melbourne	13	7	2	4	32	23	16
E. Melb. Helvetic	14	5	3	6	26	26	13
Heidelberg	14	5	3	6	29	29	13
Glenroy	14	4	2	8	22	32	10
Chelsea	14	4	2	8	21	27	10
St. Kilda	14	0	4	10	19	46	4
Ballarat	14	0	2	12	15	59	2

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroolbark	14	14	0	0	86	8	28
Newport	14	9	3	2	57	19	21
Nth. Carlton Olympic	14	10	0	4	40	22	20
South Yarra	14	8	3	3	46	28	19
West. Subs. I.C.I.	14	8	2	4	53	31	18
Corio	14	7	2	5	36	27	16
Doncaster Rovers	14	5	3	6	44	35	13
Monash University	14	6	1	7	24	38	13
Moorabbin	14	3	3	8	24	47	9
Mornington	14	3	1	10	22	49	7
Eltham	14	2	0	12	19	77	4

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Central Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Fitzroy	11	8	2	1	44	9	18
Anstey	11	6	3	3	36	14	15
Keon Park	11	6	3	2	26	10	15
Elsternwick	11	6	3	2	29	14	15
Fawkner	10	6	3	1	23	13	15
Regent	10	4	2	4	24	22	10
West Preston	11	4	0	7	36	23	8
Middle Park	11	4	0	7	25	22	8
Lorimer United	11	1	0	10	9	16	2
Diamond Creek	11	1	0	10	5	114	2

Western Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Kingsville	11	10	1	0	57	14	21
Garden City	10	7	1	2	30	16	15
Ardeer	11	6	3	2	18	11	15
Melton	11	5	1	5	28	29	11
East Carlton	10	4	2	4	16	19	10
Pascoe Vale	10	4	0	6	21	22	8
North Sunshine	10	4	0	6	14	25	8
North Altona	10	3	1	6	16	35	7
Yarraville	11	3	0	8	20	37	6
Carlton	10	0	3	7	13	25	3

Eastern Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	10	7	3	0	51	10	17
Langwarrin	10	6	2	2	47	15	14
Oakleigh	9	6	2	1	25	16	14
Northcote	9	6	1	2	27	15	13
Frankston Pines	9	5	2	2	34	12	12
Hawksburn	11	4	2	5	36	28	10
Cheltenham	11	4	1	6	16	40	9
Sth. Dandenong	10	1	3	6	18	30	5
Army Apprentices	6	1	0	5	11	33	2
Frognall United	11	0	0	11	12	78	0

Reserve Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	10	9	1	0	29	4	19
East Carlton	11	8	1	2	12	3	17
North Sunshine	11	8	0	3	11	3	16
Fawkner	11	6	0	5	14	21	12
Frankston Pines	10	5	1	4	24	22	11
Langwarrin	10	5	1	4	16	15	11
Carlton	11	3	1	7	12	7	7
Army Apprentices	9	3	0	6	4	21	6
South Dandenong	10	2	0	8	8	34	4
Pascoe Vale	11	0	1	10	1	1	1

THIRDS COMPETITION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Dandenong City	11	10	0	1	57	11	20
Waverley	10	7	2	1	36	17	16
Hakoah	11	7	1	3	32	27	15
Clayton	11	6	2	3	38	25	14
Ringwood United	10	6	1	3	29	14	13
Frankston City	11	5	1	5	44	47	11
Croydon	11	5	1	5	19	28	11
Mooroolbark	11	5	0	6	32	37	10
Springvale	10	4	0	6	31	37	8
Doncaster Rovers	10	2	1	7	7	45	5
Brighton	11	1	1	9	15	21	3
Univ. of Melbourne	11	0	2	9	14	45	2

AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

SYDNEY TABLES

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
SOUTH SYDNEY	12	3	0	288	134	24
BALMAIN	12	3	0	275	209	24
ST GEORGE	9	6	0	258	208	18
MANLY	9	6	0	217	198	18
NORTH SYDNEY	8	6	1	252	234	17
CANTERBURY	8	7	0	233	219	16
PARRAMATTA	8	7	0	230	227	16
EASTERN SUBURBS	6	8	1	217	237	13
WESTERN SUBURBS	6	9	0	201	206	12
PENRITH	5	9	1	222	259	11
NEWTOWN	3	11	1	150	277	7
CRONULLA	2	13	0	195	330	4

ADELAIDE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
SOUTH COAST	11	2	2	36	18	24
ST GEORGE-BUDAPEST	9	3	4	40	12	22
APIA-LEICHHARDT	7	3	6	27	19	20
HAKOAH-EASTERN SUBURBS	8	3	3	26	14	19
MELITA EAGLES	6	4	4	21	14	16
PRAGUE	6	7	3	18	15	15
SOUTH SYDNEY-CROATIA	5	5	4	21	14	14
CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE	4	5	5	13	20	13
PAN HELLENIC	4	5	5	17	24	13
AUBURN	4	9	1	18	28	9
YUGAL-RYDE	2	10	4	18	54	8
POLONIA-NORTH SIDE	1	11	3	6	29	5

SATURDAY

NSW.—Division 1: Yugal, South Coast 1-1; Canterbury, Croatia (NSW) 0-0.

Division 2: Bankstown, Hornsby 4-1; Artarmon, N; Bankstown 8-1.

Inter-Suburban. — Division 1: Blacktown, Concordia, 0-3; East Side, Henty 1-2; Lane Cove, Belmore 1-7 (match postponed on June 21).

Division 2: Auburn Junr., Arncliffe 1-5; Yagoona, Granville 1-1.

North. — Division 1: Wallsend, Adamsown 1-8; Weston, Belmont 2-3.

Division 2: Merewether, Charlestown 3-4; RAAF, Maitland 2-5.

VICTORIA. — State League: Lion (V), Slavia 3-0; Wilhelmina, Box Hill 6-0; Croatia (V), Hakoah (V) 0-1.

Division 1: Alexander, Coburg 1-1; Makedonia, Ringwood 2-1; Altona, St. Albans 3-1; Keilor, Sunshine C 5-2; Dandenong, Triestina 8-0; Austria, Springvale 2-1.

Division 2: Yallourn, Ferntree 7-1; Prahran Richmond 0-1; Albion R., Ajax 0-3; Moreland, Athena (V) 2-1; Frankston, Pk. Rangers 3-1; Sandringham, Waverley 1-4.

Division 3: University (V), Brighton 1-1; Glenroy, Heidelberg 2-3; Bayswater (V), Clayton 4-2; Croydon, Ballarat 3-2; Chelsea, Helvetic 0-2; Hercules, St. Kilda 1-2.

Division 4: South Yarra, Doncaster 1-2; Mornington, Newport 0-2; ICI, Monash 3-2; Moorabbin, Coria 0-2; Eltham, Mooroolbark 0-5; Olympic (V), Rosebud 4-0.

QUEENSLAND. — Division 1: Thistle (Q), Coalstars 2-3; Germania, Polonia (Q) 1-4.

Division 2: G.A.P., Budapest (Q) 0-3; LaTrobe, South Coast (Q) 7-2; Wynnum, Mitchelton 2-2.

Division 3: Redcliffe, University (Q) 2-1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. — Division 1: Croatia (SA), Victoria 2-1; Polonia (SA), Budapest (SA) 3-2; Hellas, Elizabeth 3-0; Juventus (SA), Eastern 7-1; Beograd, Lion (SA) 0-2.

Division 2: Campbelltown, Salisbury 2-1; Pt. Adelaide, Birkalla 4-1; Cumberland, Sturt 1-1; Windsor, Malta 1-2; Wakefield, Para Hills 1-2.

Division 3: W. Torrens, Mitcham 2-2; Graduates, Flinders 3-0; Modbury, Taperoo 0-1; Don, W.R.E. 6-0; Western (SA), Sth. Adelaide 2-4.

TASMANIA. — South: Callies, Metro 4-1; Olympia, Eagles 3-1; Rapids, S. Hobart 2-1; Croatia (Cracovia), Juventus (T) 1-1.

North: Ulverstone, Northern 1-6; Devonport, Olympic (T) 0-5; Launceston U., Spartans 2-1; Rovers (T), S. Launceston 3-1; Georgetown, Launceston R 1-1.

WEST AUSTRALIA. — State League Cracovia (WA), Subiaco 0-0; Windmills, Swan Ath. 1-0; Olympic (WA), Azzurri (WA) 0-4.

Division 2: University (WA), Caledonian 0-1; Athena (WA), Melville 4-1; Medina, Cockburn 3-2; Julia, Bayswater (WA) 0-6; Maccabi, Perth City 1-3.

Division 3: Dalmatinac, Bassendean 1-0; Scarboro, Croatia (WA) 5-4; Sth. Perth, Queens Pk. 2-5; Victoria Pk., Sparts 20-2.

Sunday

VICTORIA. — State League: S. Melbourne, George C. 0-1; J.U.S.T., Polonia (V) 0-0; Melbourne, Juventus (V), 0-3.

NSW. — Div. 1: Budapest (NSW), Melita 2-0; Polonia (NSW), Hellenic (NSW) 1-3; Hakoah (NSW), Apia 2-2; Auburn, Prague 3-0.

Div. 2: Marconi, Granville 3-0; Nth. Sydney, Sutherland 2-4; Manly, Corinthians 3-1; Balgownie, Western (NSW) 2-3.

NORTH. — Div. 1: Hamilton, Cardiff 2-1; Newcastle, Cessnock 6-0; W. Wallsend, New Lambton 0-2; Toronto, L. Macquarie 2-1.

Div. 2: Dudley, Mayfield 0-4; Jesmond, Central 4-3; Stockton, Whitebridge 4-5; Y. Wallsend, W. Lakes 4-1.

INTER-SUBURBAN. Div. 1: Lane Cove, Sth. Sydney 1-1; Guildford, Belmore 0-1; Marrickville, Lidcombe 3-0; Riverside, Thistle (NSW) 3-4.

Div. 2: Penrith, Enmore 0-1; Rovers (NSW), Condell Pk. 6-2; Warringah, Ryde 1-2; NSW Univ., bye.

QUEENSLAND. — Div. 1: Oxley, Hellenic (Q) 2-3; Merton, Hollandia 0-6; St Helens, Azzurri (Q) 1-2.

Div. 2: Annerley, Easts 2-2; Toowong, Newmarket 0-3; Dnipro, Willowburn 3-1.

Div. 3: Forrest, Redlands 2-0.

·YOUR COLUMN

Sir, — "Bouquets and brickbats" are an accepted part of life, especially with regards to sporting people and clubs. However, it is wrong to "knock" something when you do not know the full facts. Also, before judging, all (and I emphasise all) facts should be investigated.

I refer to your outburst on the George Cross officials. The club has NOT had three coaches in as many weeks. There was NOT a coach for the game versus Croatia. The team manager and two officials selected the team and Paddy Sloan looked after it. He was never appointed senior coach. Tommy Robertson was appointed on the following Tuesday.

It seems sour grapes are the present dessert. Could your source of information be the vine from which they came?

FAIR COMMENT

Being an official, but speaking personally, I request you withhold my name and address. However, I would be quite happy if you should wish to contact me regarding facts.

Yours, etc.,

George Cross Official (name and address supplied).

We fail to see where "sour grapes" come in. Soccer News reports facts and BOTH sides of the case.

We report facts as we receive them. We are not guilty of "outbursts" when we express opinions shared by many others in the game.

Contrary to the ideas which some suspicious fans hold, we have no "down" on ANY club.

We applaud when applause is merited. We criticise when criticism is merited. We publish facts as they come into our possession.

This is the function of a newspaper, and we shall continue to do our duty.—Editor.

Sir,—I am writing to you in my capacity as publicity officer for the George Cross Soccer Club and wish to reply to articles published in your paper issue dated June 26.

Re the matter of coaches. When Mr. Evans was relieved of his duties as senior coach Mr. Sloan was instructed by the committee to take temporary charge of the senior team while still fulfilling his duties as Reserves and Under 18 coach. The committee were agreed that a change of coach for the senior team was desirable, and discussions were well under way to complete the change while Mr. Sloan was in temporary charge.

It is a matter of public knowledge that the team is going through a difficult period, and this is the time that the club needs the support and co-operation of players, officials and supporters alike. Resignations at this stage while the ship is sinking does little to the club to correct the situation. However, our committee have lost no time in arranging for new players who, it is hoped, will lift the team within the next few weeks.

I trust you will give these matters some space in your worthy paper.

George Cross Soccer Club (Mr. C. Cutajar, Publicity Officer).

FIXTURES

STATE LEAGUE

12th July

George Cross .... v. Lions .... (St. Kilda C.G.)
Referee: Dixon
Polonia .... v. R'wood City Wilhelmina .... (Maribyrnong)
Greenwood
Hakoah .... v. Footscray J.U.S.T. .... (Middle Park)
Pedlar

Sunday 13th July

Box Hill .... v. Sth. Melb. Hellas .... (Box Hill). Verniers
Melbourne .... v. Croatia .... (St. Kilda C.G.). Finnegan
Pt. Melb. Slavia .... v. Juventus .... (Olympic Park)
Stafrace.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

12th July

FIRST DIVISION

Ringwood United .... v. Alexander .... (Olympic Park)
St. Albans .... v. Preston Makedonia ....
Sunshine City .... v. Altona City ....
Maribyrnong Triestina .... v. Keilor City ....
Springvale .... v. Dandenong City ....
Coburg .... v. Elwood Australia ....

SECOND DIVISION

Richmond .... v. Yallourn ....
Green Gully Ajax .... v. Prahran City ....
Brunswick Athena .... v. Albion Rovers ....
Park Rangers .... v. Moreland Thistle ....
Waverley .... v. Frankston City ....
Ferntree Gully .... v. Sandringham City ....

THIRD DIVISION

Heidelberg .... v. University of Melbourne ....
Clayton .... v. Glenroy ....
Ballarat .... v. Bayswater ....
E. Melb. Helvetic .... v. Croydon ....
St. Kilda .... v. Chelsea ....
Brighton .... v. Princes Park Hercules ....

FOURTH DIVISION

Newport .... v. South Yarra ....
Monash University .... v. Mornington ....
Corio .... v. Western Suburbs I.C.I. ....
Mooroolbark .... v. Moorabbin ....
Rosebud .... v. Eltham ....
Doncaster Rovers .... v. Nth. Carlton Olympic ....

THIRDS COMPETITION

13th July

Waverley .... v. Hakoah ....
Ringwood United .... v. Doncaster ....
Croydon .... v. Clayton ....
Dandenong .... v. Brighton ....
Springvale .... v. Mooroolbark ....
Frankston City .... v. Univ. of Melb. ....

DISTRICT LEAGUE

13th July

EASTERN DIVISION

Hawksburn, bye
Frankston Pines .... v. Oakleigh ....
Army Apprentices .... v. Chadstone ....
Langwarrin .... v. Frognall ....
Sth Dandenong .... v. Doveton ....
Cheltenham .... v. Northcote City ....

WESTERN DIVISION

Yarraville, bye
Kingsville .... v. Nth. Altona ....
Ardeer .... v. East Carlton ....
Nth. Sunshine .... v. Melton ....
Carlton, bye
Garden City .... v. Pascoe Vale ....

CENTRAL DIVISION

West Preston .... v. Fitzroy ....
Keon Park .... v. Lorimer ....
Anstey .... v. Diamond Creek ....
Middle Park, bye
Elsternwick, bye
Fawkner .... v. Regent ....

RESERVE DIVISION

Frankston Pines .... v. East Carlton ....
Army Apprentices .... v. Chadstone ....
Langwarrin, bye
Sth. Dandenong .... v. Carlton ....
Fawkner, bye

RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Lions v. Pt. Melb. Slavia 3-0. Reserves: 1-1. R'wood City Wilhelmina v. Box Hill 6-0 (2-1). Croatia v. Hakoah 0-1 (0-1). South Melb. Hellas v. George Cross 0-1 (0-0). Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Polonia 0-0 (0-0). Melbourne v. Juventus 0-3 (1-3).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
DIVISION 1

Alexander v. Coburg 1-1 (0-4). Preston Makedonia v. Ringwood Utd. 2-1 (3-5). Altona City v. St. Albans 3-1 (0-1). Keilor City v. Sunshine City 5-2 (5-0). Dandenong City v. Mar'nong Triestina 8-0 (3-0). Elwood Austria v. Springvale 2-1 (2-0).

DIVISION 2

Yallourn v. Ferntree Gully 7-1 (3-2). Prahran City v. Richmond 0-1 (1-3). Albion Rovers v. Green Gully Ajax 0-3 (4-0). Moreland Thistle v. Brunswick Athena 2-1 (2-1). Frankston City v. Park Rangers 3-1 (5-0). Sandringham City v. Waverley 1-4 (0-2).

DIVISION 3

Univ. of Melb. v. Brighton 1-1 (1-0). Glenroy v. Heidelberg 2-3 (0-2). Bayswater v. Clayton 4-2 (3-2). Croydon v. Ballarat 3-2 (10-2). Chelsea v. East Melb. Helvetic 0-2 (1-1). Princes Park Hercules v. St. Kilda 1-1 (2-1).

DIVISION 4

South Yarra v. Doncaster Rovers 1-2 (3-3). Mornington v. Newport 0-2 (2-10). Western Suburbs I.C.I. v. Monash University 3-2 (5-0). Moorabbin v. Corio 0-2 (1-3). Eltham v. Mooroolbark 0-5 (0-12). North Carlton Olympic v. Rosebud 4-0 (4-0).

METROPOLITAN THIRDS COMPETITION

Doncaster v. Waverley, w/o Waverley. Hakoah v. Frankston City 6-4. Clayton v. Ringwood Utd. 0-7. Brighton v. Croydon, w/o Croydon. Mooroolbark v. Dandenong. Univ. of Melb. v. Springvale 0-3.

DISTRICT LEAGUE
EASTERN DIVISION

Cheltenham, bye. Oakleigh v. Hawksburn 0-1. Chadstone v. Frankston Pines 1-2. Frognall v. Army Apprentices 0-2. Langwarrin, bye. Northcote City v. Sth. Dandenong 1-0.

WESTERN DIVISION

Garden City, bye. Nth. Altona v. Yarraville 1-0. East Carlton v. Kingsville 2-1. Melton v. Ardeer 2-3. Carlton v. Nth. Sunshine 0-2. Pascoe Vale, bye.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Fitzroy v. Fawkner 2-3. Lorimer v. West Preston, w/o. Diamond Creek v. Keon Park 0-12. Middle Park v. Anstey. Elsternwick, bye. Regent, bye.

RESERVE DIVISION

North Sunshine v. Fawkner 3-0. East Carlton, bye. Chadstone v. Frankston Pines 3-1. Army Apprentices, bye. Carlton v. Langwarrin, w/o Langwarrin. Sth. Dandenong, bye.

Who's next in Bobby's shoes?

England manager Sir Alf Ramsey must have had an unwelcome, but niggling thought at the back of his mind last season — who will take over from the brilliant but ageing Bobby Charlton as the team's midfield general?

The Manchester United star is now 31. Last term he was sidelined with an injury which kept him out of action for several weeks.

Burnley's Ralph Coates could be the lad to follow in Charlton's famous footsteps.

In fact, he could pass for the United man's "twin", hailing as he does from the North-East and sporting the same thin-on-top hair style.

He did himself a lot of good with his bright showing for the Football League against the Scottish League.

Sir Alf has always thought of Coates as more of a dangerous wing raider, but not so Coates' own team manager, Harry Potts.

Potts has seen Coates come through the Burnley youth squads to emerge as one of the most exciting talents in the first division.

He says of his protege: "His future will definitely be in midfield.

"Ralph has a great deal in common with Bobby. He started off as a winger and has now graduated to take over the midfield role.

"He is quiet off the field but once he gets into a game he becomes a dominating character.

"Though I rank him as a coming midfield star he is just as much at home on the flanks. He will do a good job wherever you play him.

"The one thing he lacks at present is Bobby's blasting shot. But he can crack a ball and we are encouraging him to have a bang when he gets a chance.

"I think Ralph would be ideal in an international squad and Sir Alf would get full value for money."

So, according to manager Potts, Coates is the man for England, tailor-made to take over as the midfield supremo.

MAN OF DESPAIR -AND ELATION

One of the most loyal one-club servants in English soccer is big John Peverill, who has been in the Darlington colors for 10 years.

And you could say he has had his ups and downs in more ways than one — with the thrill of promotion and the despair of relegation.

John is now serving his fourth boss in Ray Yeoman. The others were Eddie Carr, Lol Morgan and Jimmy Greenhalgh.

He has seen more than 50 players arrive — and depart.

John, a talented stopper with a "Big Bertha" shot, has ready answer if you ask him why he hasn't moved on.

"I have never felt like leaving," he says. "Also, these players who are always on the move often lose form and drop out of the game.

"This applies particularly in the lower divisions.

"A move can mean money. But let's face it, there is more to the game than just that.

"I am paid for doing something I love doing. Soccer has a meaning for me. It is my way of expressing myself.

"I really have to thank Darlington for giving me 10 great years."

John's philosophy on long-serving players makes sense.

"I think the fans decide whether a player stays or goes," he says.

If this is true, the Darlington supporters must be 100 per cent behind John.

Expounding on his theory, John goes on:

"Long-serving men seem to develop a telepathy with the crowd. They get to know our play inside out.

"If they like you, they forgive you for a bad game and try to help.

"I have always felt for the crowd at Darlington. And I think they understand me."

GOOD QUOTE

STANLEY OWENS, goalkeeper for Croydon, was selected for the Liverpool Association of Boys' Clubs as a youth.

In the trials he recalls that he was brought on only in the last five minutes. He says: "I only got one kick, that was a header, and I missed it".

CHANDRIS SPONSORS TOUR

THE Chandris Shipping Line is sponsoring the visit of the Greek national team to Australia this month.

A.S.F. secretary, Mr. Brian Le Fevre, said: "The tour has been made possible only by the very generous financial backing of the Chandris company.

"The arrangements were initiated in London with Mr. A. J. Chandris by Mr. Arthur George, A.S.F. vice-president, and completed in Sydney by Mr. Chandris' representative and director, Mr. G. N. Pilavidis.

"Mr. Pilavidis takes a keen interest in soccer, and I am delighted at the continued interest by him and the line he represents."

The Greek party will fly into Australia with Qantas. Internal flights for them and the Australian squad will be provided by Ansett Airlines.

HELP FOR TRIESTINA

Juventus have transferred two men on loan to Maribyrnong Triestina, who are in trouble at the foot of the division one table.

The men who will try to help Triestina beat the drop are forward Gerry Tribuzio, 19, who has scored plenty of goals with the reserves, and another second-teamer Sergio Turkovic, 19, a centre-half.

NEIL YOUNG, of Manchester City, tries to get in a shot at goal but Everton goalkeeper, GORDON WEST, was at the ready to block the effort.

Joe's a big cog

The odds against stand-in goalie Joe Corrigan playing for Manchester City in last season's F.A. Cup Final were always high.

Even though first reserve man Ken Mulhearn was still only edging back to fitness after a cartilage operation, Harry Dowd did a good job in the No. 1 spot — and Joe never got his chance.

But Joe, an unknown at the start of the season, is now a vital cog in the Maine Road set-up.

Says manager Joe Mercer: "We gave Joe a couple of first team outings to get him used to the atmosphere. Now he has really come good.

"Make no mistake about him. This is one our coach, Malcolm Allison built. Eighteen months ago I didn't think the lad had a chance of making a keeper.

"But Mal did — and Mal is a determined cuss, as he should be when he believes in something.

"Now the lad has come through like an Olympic athlete.

"Mal has worked two stones off him. He is 6 ft. 4 in. tall but his ground work and reflexes are amazing for one so big.

"It's all Mal's work . . . allowing that the lad really had a go, too.

"And to think I was saying of Joe 18 months ago—'You're wasting your time son'."

GREECE TOUR

Tickets for the Australia v. Greece match on July 27 and Greece v. Victoria game on August 10 are now on sale at Olympic Park, the Melbourne Sports Depot and Hermes Travel Agency. Prices are Grandstand $3; outer $1.20; children and pensioners 60 cents.

TAFFY ON POOLS

With seven draws last Saturday, the payout will be on 23 points. But owing to the large number of Away winners, I don't think there will be any record prize money.

There were only two Draws in Victoria, two in N.S.W. and one each in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

The balance of the coupons was 22 Aways, with 26 Homes. Here are the dividends, in sterling currency, for Saturday, June 28, when there were 14 Draws.

LITTLEWOODS

Treble Chance Pool: 24 pts., £374/7/- for 1d.; 23 pts., £3/6/-; 22½ pts., £3/18/-; 22 pts., 4/-; 21½ pts., 3/-.

Twelve Match Result Pool: 12 correct, £345/16/- for 2d.; 11 correct, £10; 10 correct, 12/-.

VERNONS

Treble Chance Pool: 24 pts., £78/17/- for a farthing; 23 pts., 15/-; 22½ pts., 15/-. No fourth dividend.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct, £67/4/- for 2d.; 11 correct, £2/16/-; 10 correct, 4/-.

Three Draws: 22/-.

And now for next Saturday week, July 19, the following should win at home:

*Newcastle, N.S.W.
*Easts, Qld.
Latrobe, Qld.
*Wynnum, Qld.
*J.U.S.T. Lions
*Alexander
*Keilor
*Albion Rovers
*Frankston City
*Richmond University
*Moorabbin
*Tricolore, W.A.
Windmills, W.A.
*Perth City, W.A.
Scarboro, W.A.
*Calies, Tas.

THREE DRAWS

Toowong v. South Coast, Qld.
Dandenong v. Austria
Prahran v. Athena

And now for the big money, with those hard-to-find draws. Here are my selections:

TREBLE CHANCE

Toronto v. New Lambton, N.S.W.
*Annerley v. Budapest, Qld.
*Toowong v. South Coast, Qld.
George Cross v. Slavia
*Dandenong v. Austria
*Makedonia v. Sunshine City
Moreland v. Waverley
*Prahran v. Athena
*Bayswater v. Helvetic
*Newport v. Doncaster Rovers
Swan Valley v. Azzurri, W.A.
Athena v. Caledonians, W.A.
*Queens Park v. Croatia, W.A.
Olympia v. Juventus, Tas.

*Indicates best selections.

Until next week,
Happy punting,
TAFFY.

He'll help Greek side

VICTORIAN Soccer Federation president, Mr. Theo Marmaras, will be liaison officer to the Greek party while they are in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

New South Wales vice-president, Mr. Arthur George, will fill a similar role while the tourists are in N.S.W. and Queensland.

A.S.F. president, Sir William Walkley, will attend the internationals in Brisbane and Sydney.

GEELONG

Results June 28-29

FIRST DIVISION

Indesco 2 v. Geelong City 9; Bell Park 2 v. Geelong 1; Mt. Clear 2 v. North Geelong 0; Byes: Hamlyn Rangers, Belmont, Wendouree.

SECOND DIVISION

Geelong City 3 v. Brintons 4; Bell Park 0 v. Geelong 2; Mt. Clear 2 v. North Geelong 0; Belmont 6 v. Langi Kal Kal 2. Byes: Hamlyn Rangers, Wendouree.

GEELONG LITTLE SOCCER LEAGUE

Herne Hill 2 v. Barwon Tigers 0; Red Devils 10 v. Mighty Midgets 1; Norlane T-Birds 4 v. Bell Post Hill 0; Newcomb United 2 v. Newcomb Wanderers 1.

GEELONG FIRST ROUND ASSOCIATION CUP

FIRST DIVISION

Geelong City 3 v. Wendouree 2; Mt. Clear 5, v. North Geelong 4 (3-3 at 90 minutes).

SECOND DIVISION

Brintons 0 v. Bell Park 5; Mt. Clear 0 v. Geelong 5; Belmont w/o Geelong West.

LEAGUE LADDER
First Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bell Park	7	2	0	33	4	16
Mt. Clear	6	2	1	29	12	14
H. Rangers	5	2	1	24	8	12
Geelong	5	1	3	25	8	11
Geelong C.	5	0	4	33	19	10
N. Geelong	3	0	6	14	23	6
Belmont	2	1	5	11	23	5
Indesco	1	0	8	13	49	2
Wendouree	1	0	7	6	42	2

Second Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Geelong	9	0	1	39	6	18
Brintons	8	1	1	58	18	17
Bell Park	8	0	2	35	8	16
Mt. Clear	4	3	3	28	18	11
Geelong C.	4	2	4	30	19	10
Belmont	4	2	4	25	24	10
N. Geelong	3	3	4	19	23	9
H. Rangers	1	2	6	15	23	4
Wendouree	1	0	7	7	77	2
Langi K K	0	1	9	10	51	1

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LATROBE VALLEY SOCCER LEAGUE

Fixtures, Results and League Ladders for week ending 28-29th June, 1969

28th June

Seniors: Warragul 2 v. Newborough 9; Pegasus 1 v. Fortuna 5; Monash 1 v. Traralgon 1; Rangers 2 v. Moe 5; Falcons, bye.

Reserves: Warragul 2 v. Newborough 4; Pegasus 1 v. Fortuna 7; Monash 5 v. Traralgon 1; Rangers 1 v. Moe 2; Falcons, bye.

29th June

Seniors: Moe 2 v. Falcons 2; Monash 1 v. Fortuna 2; Rangers 0 v. Newborough 7; Traralgon 3 v. Pegasus 2; Warragul, bye.

Reserves: Moe 2 v. Falcons 2; Monash 1 v. Fortuna 8; Rangers 0 v. Newborough 6; Traralgon 4 v. Pegasus 1; Warragul, bye.

SENIORS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N'borough	8	1	1	45	9	17
Pegasus	6	1	3	28	15	13
Moe	6	1	3	28	24	13
Traralgon	6	1	3	41	27	13
Fortuna	4	0	5	25	27	8
Falcons	3	2	4	12	20	8
Monash	3	1	6	22	24	7
Warragul	2	1	7	17	47	5
Rangers	1	2	7	12	36	4

RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N'borough	9	1	0	64	6	19
Monash	8	1	1	31	15	17
Fortuna	7	0	2	43	16	14
Traralgon	5	0	5	30	30	10
Pegasus	4	0	6	26	31	8
Warragul	3	0	7	23	36	6
Rangers	3	0	7	21	35	6
Moe	2	1	7	17	37	5
Falcons	1	1	7	8	56	3

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